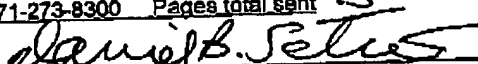


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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2005. This reply is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a three month Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, thus extending the deadline for responding until September 29, 2005.